

Amendments to the Specification:

Above title, please delete

Description

Before paragraph [0001], please insert

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows

[0001] The invention relates to a carrying bag, in particular for frozen food items, with handles and a fold-over flap with a slit configured to accept the handles and to maintain parallel alignment between the handles while preventing the slit from tearing even when the carrying bag is fully loaded ~~according to the preamble of claim 1.~~

Before paragraph [0014] please insert

SUMMARY OR THE INVENTION

Please amend paragraph [0012] as follows

[0012] ~~The object is solved by the characterizing features of claim 1. Advantageous embodiments are recited in the dependent claims 2 to 5.~~

Please amend paragraph [0013] as follows:

[0013] According to one aspect of the invention, a carrying bag for food products has two side sections each having edge portions which are connected with each other to form a common bottom section and an upper bag opening. Each of the side portions has an interior side including a handle located in a common attachment plane, wherein one of the two side sections has a greater height than the other side section and defines an overlap formed as a fold-over flap which includes a slit located above the attachment plane. The slit is configured to receive both handles.

The fold-over flap is configured for cennection with an outer surface of the other side section by
a closure element which extends across the entire width of the carrying bag

Before paragraph [0016], please insert

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Before paragraph [0022], please insert

DETAIL DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATED EXEMPLARY EMBODIMENTS